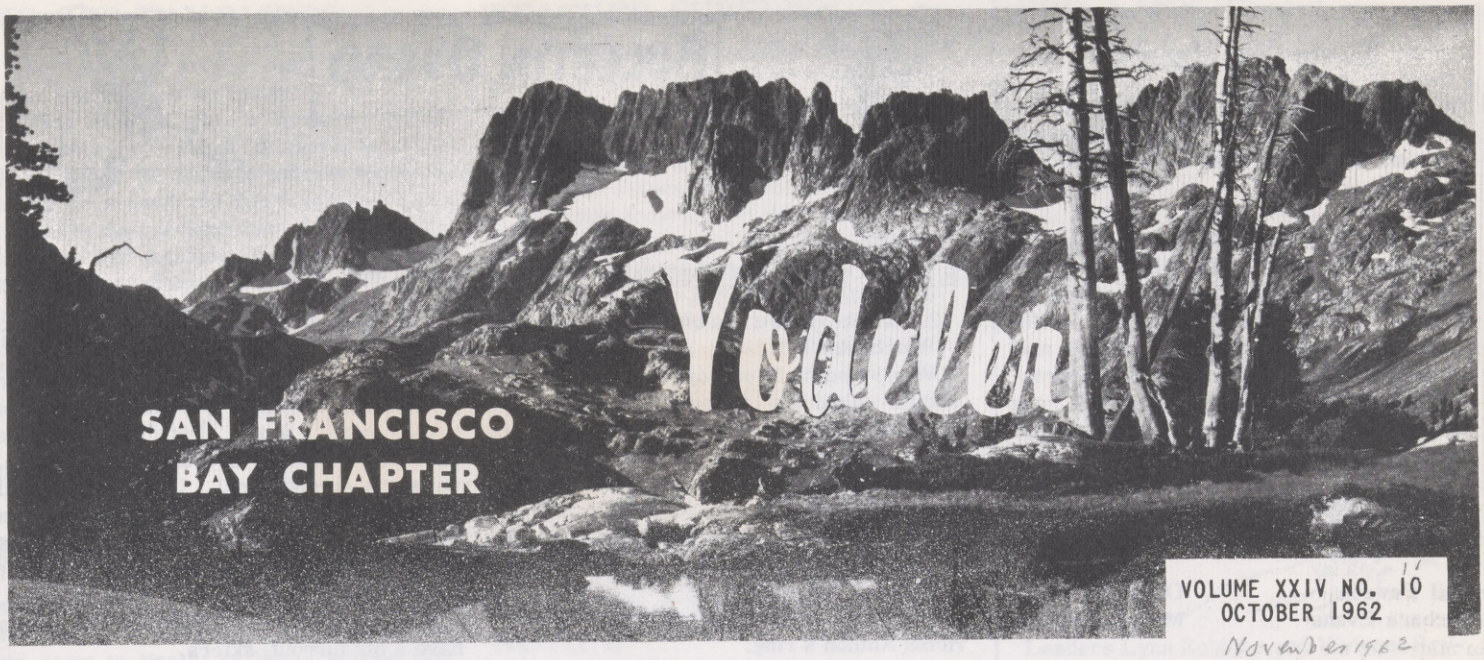
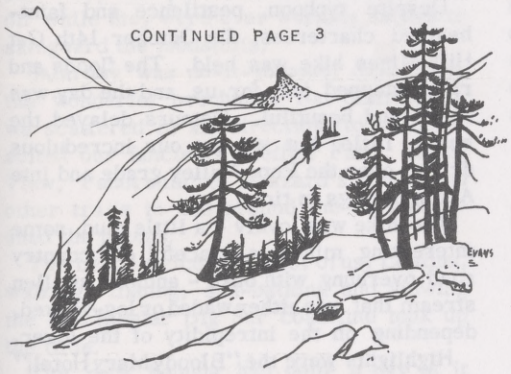


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LEISURE AT BUDD LAKE

"This leisure knapsacking is for me - you get in early and drop your pack and then have time to climb a peak..." or..."Best thing there's been for a long time..." (Overheard from trail-burner types on the Budd Lake trip.)

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THE SPEAKERS' BUREAU

What is its purpose? Perhaps most of us do not know what the Speakers' Bureau is, or what it is for.

Primarily, the Speakers' Bureau's purpose is to tell the world, or a small part of it, about the Sierra Club. The Bureau is set up to furnish speakers from the Club, and programs to various organizations and groups in the Bay Area, who request it. For instance, John Thomas recently gave a program on conservation to a Salvation Army young men's group, Bill Engs gave a program on Mountain Climbing to a group at the San Francisco Recreation Center for the Handicapped, and Bob Golden gave a talk on Yosemite Valley and the Sierra Club to an adult night class at an Oakland high school. All these programs included slides or movies, and reports indicate that they were all received enthusiastically by very interested audiences.

The Bureau will become more active as its function becomes better known.

—Harold Sharp

IN MEMORIAM: CONGRESSMAN CLEM MILLER

This article was planned as a cheerful account of the very successful dinner of the Point Reyes National Seashore Foundation at Mill Valley on September 27th, but the death of their honored guest, Congressman Clem Miller, in a plane crash two days later has taken all pleasure out of the report. The tragedy gives special emphasis to the points Mr. Miller brought out in his speech to 250 guests at the dinner.

"Why," said he, "do people go out of their way to express to me their interest in Point Reyes? Why such spontaneous and unexpected enthusiasm from so many? Surely it is because the people, who in their hearts still long for the freedom of the frontier, feel the pressure of crowds and of the rushing world closing in upon them. Point Reyes means to them more than just a place to take the kids for a picnic. It is a place to think. There may be confusion in Washington but the people themselves know what they want—freedom and space to think, in quiet places and beside the sea."

Another thought Clem Miller left with us was the importance of acknowledging the efforts of all those who have worked to forward the cause of the National Seashore: California's two senators, and others in the Senate; many congressmen — some unexpected names were on his list of helpers; the un-named army of secretaries including his own; and many friends in the National Park Serve.

"Have you," said Mr. Miller, "ever thought of sending a note of appreciation to those who help with legislation in which you are interested? Such an acknowledgment would give much pleasure. Thank You notes are rare in Washington."

A memorial service for Clem Miller was held on Saturday, October 13, at the Kelham Ranch (Bear Valley). Three hundred people, including Secretary of the

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END OF 87TH CONGRESS

Congress adjourned on October 13th. It talked much about conservation but accomplished little. It did establish seacoast parks at Point Reyes, Cape Cod, and Padre Island, but left Point Reyes and Padre Island without funds to begin acquisition. Senator Kuchel, who has worked hard to get an appropriation for Point Reyes, hopes that money will be provided early in the next Congress, but meanwhile he must get re-elected himself. The loss of Clem Miller, first friend of the park, is a severe blow. We must expect to fight for adequate funds to acquire park lands on Point Reyes for some years to come.

The Wilderness Bill was part of unfinished business when Congress adjourned and must be started again from the beginning. It remains to be seen what form a revived bill will take. David Brower reminded the Conservation Committee that other conservation measures have taken a long time to be accepted. The ten year campaign to create Kings Canyon National Park is an example.

A bill that unfortunately did get through is the Johnson Bill (House version of S.B. 3451) on mining claims. It allows those who have unpatented claims in the National Forests to buy five acres outright. In most of these cases the "mining claim" was really a subterfuge used to set up a cabin, lodge, or full-sized house. There are almost 4,000 of these in the National Forests of California alone, and the bill is really a land grab that would pepper the public lands with 100,000 five-acre patches of private property. Hardship cases can be dealt with by special legislative relief measures. The Sierra Club has urged the President to veto, or withhold signature, from this bill. —C.M.C.

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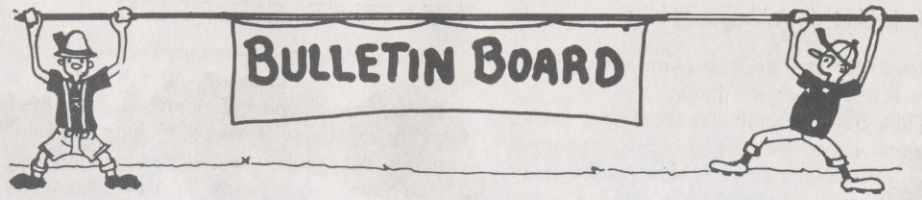
The winter schedule for the Bay Chapter will be ready to sort, tie and prepare for mailing on the night of Wednesday, December 5, 7:30 p.m. at the Club office. Volunteers are needed — come for a couple of hours of pleasant work and visiting with friends.

Volunteers will also be needed Saturday, December 1, for pasting address tapes on schedules. Call Schedule Staff members to make arrangements for joining us on Saturday at the Club Office for a few hours work.

Apologies to YODELER readers from some person or persons unknown. Those who read the short article on the Wilderness Bill in the October Yodeler and thought it did not make sense, were exactly right. Two sentences left out in the printing caused a more than slight confusion in the meaning. —C.M.C.

IN MEMORIAM (Cont.)

Interior Stewart Udall, attended the open air service, in spite of heavy rain, to honor a man of integrity and a dedicated conservationist. Memorial donations will be welcomed by the Nature Conservancy, and may be sent to the office at 1711 Grove Street, Berkeley. It may be possible, if the fund grows large enough, to buy some small portion of the future Point Reyes National Seashore Recreation Area. —C.M.C.



EAST BAY DINNERS

Look out! There she blows!

Watch what?

Why Frank S. Cummings' movie "Hawaii and its Volcanoes" (in action).

Come all you Sierra Club Hawaii trip gang, join the East Bay Dinner group on November 14 for dinner, a bit of reminiscing and Frank's wonderful movie.

Place: College Women's Club, Bancroft at College, Berkeley

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Make your reservations early. Give Helen Anthon a ring.

—Patricia Bauer

AUDUBON SOCIETY FILM

On Friday evening, November 16th, the Snow Museum in cooperation with the Oakland Museums Association will present the National Audubon Society film-lecture, "The Long Flight Back." Mr. Kenneth Morrison, director of the Mountain Lake Sanctuary in Florida, will personally narrate his color motion picture.

SAN FRANCISCO DINNER

Noted photographer and lecturer, Laurel Reynolds, who produced "An Island In Time," will show her recent film "Audubon Canyon Ranch" at the San Francisco Dinner meeting, Thursday, November 29, at Golden Gate Yacht Club. Dr. Eric Reynolds, President, California Conservation Council, will also be on deck to review local conservation issues, including the urgent Canyou Ranch project of preserving the last major rookery of great blue herons and American egrets in Marin County—a redwood grove off Bolinas Lagoon. Reservations required. Please call Dorothy Durham, MI 7-9195, or Betty Franklin, GR 4-1825, before 9 p.m., November 27.

Social hour: 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Dinner: 7:30 p.m.

P.S. there will be no monthly San Francisco Dinner meeting in December because of the holidays.

FOR SALE: Bolex 8 movie camera with exchangable telephoto lens, little used. $60 with case. Also umbrella tent; car carrier with tarp, and assorted used ski clothing. LO 9-8345 evenings.

SKIING NEWS

The Bay Area Council, Far West Ski Association, annual Snow Queen Ball is set for the Gold Room, Sheraton-Palace, San Francisco, Saturday, December 1st, from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. There'll be room for 550, and donations are $2.50 per person. Dress is semi-formal. Del Courtney will provide the music. Portion of the proceeds goes to the Olympic Ski Team Fund. Tickets available from George Todoroff, 875 Post Street, San Francisco, or telephone me, PRospect 5-9815 or SUtter 1-7600. Let's have a big turnout, skiers.

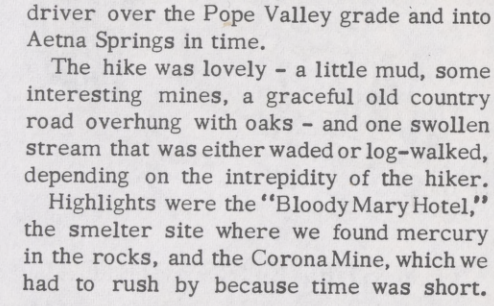
The Alpineer Ski Swap will be held November 17, Hall of Flowers, Golden Gate Park, 4 p.m. to 11 p.m. For the Peninsula, Peninsula Ski Club will have a swap November 2nd at the Palo Alto Elks Lodge next to Rickey's. —George Todoroff

CAT HILL MINES HIKE

Despite typhoon, pestilence and faint-hearted charterees, the October 14th Cat Hill Mines hike was held. The floods and rains stopped just for us, and the day was clear and beautiful. Detours delayed the bus a little, but we got our incredulous driver over the Pope Valley grade and into Aetna Springs in time.

The hike was lovely - a little mud, some interesting mines, a graceful old country road overhung with oaks - and one swollen stream that was either waded or log-walked, depending on the intrepidity of the hiker.

Highlights were the "Bloody Mary Hotel," the smelter site where we found mercury in the rocks, and the Corona Mine, which we had to rush by because time was short.



Oh yes - Bob Rausch lost his boots down the stream - but NINA ELOESSER fielded them like Willy Mays, so the story ends happily. Those with faith enough to show up for the trip were rewarded richly. (Maybe they were just stingy about losing $3.50?)

—Frank Williams

BIG SUR RAMBLINGS

The following article came in with the cover letter which we quote:

"This Big Sur trip Pat Bauer led for us was such a good one that I think she deserves all the credit we can give her. As you know this is the second trip this year that she has led. Like the previous one, she did a bang-up job on her organization. The brochures she provides and the research she does prior to these trips certainly contribute in no small measure to the success of these trips." —Ed.

Hey Frank! Get outa there. The women's flag is up!"

"Oh, no! Not again."

Women's flag, men's flag, and sometimes both flags were up!

What a weekend! Over ninety car-campers managed to use those common facilities. We lost gate count at 80, fainted at 90, and came to finally at 106. Two carloads wound up at the main camp. And that's just the beginning of a cracking good trip led by Pat Bauer and her coordinator's coordinator Donna Hennessey on September 22-23.

To make doubly sure of a lively weekend, the raccoons came out en masse to welcome one and all. Boy, how they came; little ones and big ones, all fat and curious. Ha, Pat and Mary had part of their dinner carried off while they were over warning us how to safeguard the foodstuffs.

Saturday was do-it-yourself day. With the wonderful brochures Pat distributed, we scattered in all directions to whatever suited our fancies. Pfeiffer Falls, Valley View, Panoramic to Buzzard's Roost and other trails in and around the park beckoned the hikers.

The beach welcomed most of us. Loafing, walking, fishing, sun-bathing and viewing the spectacular Big Sur coastline took up the time.

The rock hounds had quite a day of it too. Willow Creek and Jade Cove were the target areas. Fred and Marge Hoffman, with their troupe, filled to the brimming on how to recognize jade, went a-searching. The jade proved elusive but the rocks they brought in provided for some lively and interesting discussions.

Saturday night was entertainment night. Some thirty-plus adventurous clubbers wrenched themselves away from their burnt beans and hash for a sojourn at Nepenthe. The dinner was most satisfying, the wine smooth and the view of the breath-taking coastline was out of this world. Faith Petric, her guitar, her songs and a warming campfire were a perfect topper for this evening.

Sunday morning, after a leisurely breakfast and hike up to Pfeiffer Falls, we all hit the trail for home. Me, I'm already planning on next year's trip even if the facilities aren't improved.

How about it, Frank?

—George Nakahara

WEATHER SURPRISE

A delightful end-of-season Leisure Knapsack trip September 29-30 turned into a scouting trip of another destination for next year's schedule when only the leaders' carload turned up on Saturday morning. Those who allowed Bay rain and forecasts of mountain snow to turn them back Friday night missed a phenomenal example of Sierra Indian Summer.

Thelma Carder and Pat Cone led the intrepid four with their rain-cold-and-snow gear through bright warm sunshine to Upper Sunrise Lake above Tenaya. After a splendid weekend of loafing and exploring, a return route was taken cross-country via the Mildred Lake area. Supreme navigation by Front-leader Thelma brought us out "on the nose."

—Pat Cone

LEISURE KNAPSACKERS NOTICE

Knapsackers with leisure-type ideas for next year's trips and eagerness to lead them, please drop cards to Chairman Pat Cone now while the past summer's ideas are fresh. You will be notified of the winter planning meeting to make up next summer's schedule. Any experienced person willing to limit himself to half a day or less of pack-carrying is welcome. Particularly in demand are short (3-4 miles) cross-country trips with challenging terrain and/or natural science interest. If you can't lead a trip, let us know your ideas anyway. —Pat Cone

SNOWSHOE WORK PARTIES

It is no coincidence that the snowshoer starts getting active when knapsack season is finally wintered out. For the snowshoers, knapsacking does not end at all. When winter's cold sets in, they simply put webs on their feet and keep backpacking all year 'round.

There will be a hut work party on December 1-2 either to Ludlow or Bradley. Huts are always a main focus on snowshoe trips. The cosy cheer they provide on a stormy winter night is high reward indeed for the wood chopping, lavatory cleanup, minor repairs and general maintenance accomplished on these work parties. Anyone wanting to go should call Phyllis Lindley at OL 4-3532 by the Tuesday before the trip.

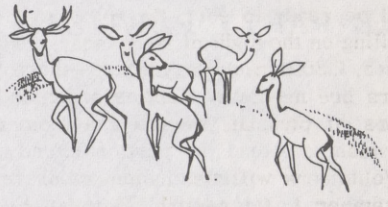
Last Tuesday was Schedule planning night. Thirteen trips were lined up, starting with January 5-6. There will be beginners' trips at both Echo Lake and Clair Tappaan. Two innovations this season will be trips to Fallen Leaf and to Castle Lake near Mount Shasta. —Phyllis Lindley

BUDD LAKE (Cont.)

Not only did some of the group climb Cathedral Peak, but one caught up on sleep and study, one fished (to the later delight of the others) and the rest explored the area, climbing the ridge toward the Unicorn and examining both the view and the deep narrow fractures in the granite, one or two of which were as deep as 50 feet. All this on Saturday afternoon, sans packs, after a long loafing lunch hour in camp.



Leaders Lynn Robbins and Vivienne Bryan, with much "back seat" assistance from some members of the group, took us up the Cathedral Lakes trail a way and then cross-country toward Budd Creek and up to the lake - a charming one, nestled in the small cirque between Cathedral, Echo and the Unicorn. As frequently happens in late September, the weather was dry, warm and bright, birds were plentiful, and some flowers were still blooming. Numbers of deer, some of them bucks with fine antlers, seemed to be enjoying the lack of hunters in National Parks as much as we were.



Since there is no trail to this wild spot, the campsites were delightfully clean and the only other people were a small clutch of rock climbers across the lake.

On Sunday morning more climbing and exploration took place, mainly to the top of the steep ridge on which rests the Echo Peaks group, for a grand view of the North Country in every direction.

—Pat Cone



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CHRISTMAS PARTY

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Tickets, $3.00 each, are limited to the first 225 who send a stamped and self-addressed envelope along with their check, payable to Elizabeth Perry, before November 24, to the Club office.

PRE-PARTY PARTIES

For Christmas Party goers—there will again be pre-Party Parties organized by Clyde Wiborg. If you are a newcomer, if you plan to attend the party solo and want to go to a pre-party to meet other single people—or couples—call Clyde at KE 2-2342 and he will arrange it. (Call at 8 a.m.)

—Betty Franklin

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CLAIR TAPPAAN LODGE

Skiers will be glad to know that reservations for CTL will begin November 15 at the Club office. New rates have been established as follows:

$5.00 per day, $10.00 per weekend (other rates may be obtained from the office.).

Details will be found in the October issue of the Bulletin.

CLAIR TAPPAAN LODGE NEEDS WINTER COOK

Clair Tappaan Lodge, the Sierra Club's cooperative ski lodge at Norden, Calif., 7000 feet above sea level, needs a cook for the coming winter season. The "ski cook" prepares two meals a day for 150 people on weekends - generally considerably less during the week. A day and a half off per week is allowed, plus time off for skiing on most week days. The starting salary is $200 a month, plus board and small private room with bath.

This position does not so much require great cooking experience as it does patience and ability to handle unskilled volunteer workers in the kitchen. The management has always been able to train persons with limited cooking experience in the knack of preparing the simple but excellent family-style meals served at the lodge. This job has always been popular with persons wishing to learn to ski or to spend one or more winters skiing. A cook is employed at the lodge from November 15 to May 15 and from June 15 to September 15.

Applications should be made to Keith Lummis, manager, Clair Tappaan Lodge, Norden, California.

DIRECTOR RESIGNS

It was announced at the meeting of the Board of Directors that Justice William O. Douglas had presented his resignation as a director of the Sierra Club. The club has benefited immeasurably from his immense energy, interest and knowledge of conservation matters.

The Board of Directors appointed Randal Dickey, Jr. to complete Justice Douglas' unexpired term of office. Randal is well known to us as the club's Conservation Chairman, active in river touring and knapsacking, former chairman of the Bay Chapter Executive Committee and Chairman of the Council.

CHAPTER DAY

Stalwarts 53 strong, came marching in from Mill Valley. Leisure strollers wandered in from Mountain Home and Bootjack. Others (dignitaries? lazy? footsore?) drove up. Some came early, some came late. The total count at West Point was 225, the biggest turnout ever for Chapter Day. This year's committee is just a wee bit proud - in fact we're downright pleased. The weather was perfect for walking, picnicking, and the views - and just a week before the deluge.

The various Chapter sections had displays set up in the Lodge and outside. There were pictorial and map displays, as well as various types of climbing, tenting, and river touring equipment shown. The River Tour section had an excellent movie to show and got a good attendance.

The Chapter Day Program began at 2p.m. Wes Bunnelle introduced the candidates for the Executive Committee. Harold Sharp, General Chairman of Chapter Day, was Master of Ceremonies for the remaining program. Credits were given to the various committee members. Then the chairman and/or representatives of the various sections gave short talks on the purpose and activities of their groups.

The displays and talks were informative and interesting. Both new and old Club members profited from them. It is hoped that many were inspired to volunteer for work with the different activities.

—Patricia Bauer
Publicity, Chapter Day

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